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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 10-286224 published October 27, 1998; and
2. Japanese Patent Utility Model Application KOKAI Publication No. 64-54502 published April 4, 1989.

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The references listed above were cited in an Official Action dated March 3, 2009 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding all of the references from the Official Action. Please note that the other reference cited in the Office Action, namely, Japanese Patent KOKAI Publication No. 2002-045369 published February 12, 2002 was previously submitted in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated December 1, 2003. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an Official Action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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